



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

All Age Eucharist

Easter 6

Sunday 14th May 2023

10.00

Welcome to Lancaster Priory.

We are really pleased that you are worshipping with us today. Wherever you have come from, this is your church and you are unconditionally welcome.

During this All Age service we involve people of all age. There are resources for children to borrow, if you would like them, in the form of 'busy bags' and 'communion boxes' as well as colouring sheets. These can be found at the back of church.

Throughout this booklet you will find instructions regarding posture (sit and stand), these capture what is normal for our congregation but are not intended to be restrictive for those who may need to sit or indeed not sit for too long.

Notices are given at before the service, please see the notice sheet for more information.

Refreshments are served at the back of church following this service every week. Please join us.



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Before the service starts, look around at the things in the building.

What can you see from your seat? Can you see...

a cross a brass eagle a crown organ pipes a candle animals

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The Gathering

Hymn NEH 351

Please stand to sing the hymn during which servers, choir and clergy enter and the paschal candle and altar are censed.



Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal Days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

2. Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the seas, or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
moved the Lord of life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary.

3. There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
reigning where he was before.

4. High on yon celestial mountains
stands his sapphire throne, all bright,
midst unending alleluias
bursting from the sons of light;
Zion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.

5. Bring your harps, and bring your
incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for ay.

6. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. Amen.

Job Hupton 1762-1849 and J. M Neale 1818-66

The Greeting

The president says

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The president greets the people

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

A minister says

Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is Kept. We sing:

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

The president gives the absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Some people make a sign over themselves when receiving God's forgiveness. What is it?

They make this sign to remind themselves that it is because Jesus loved us so much that we are forgiven by God.

The Gloria *We sing*

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

The Collect *The president says ‘Let us pray’ and silence is kept.*

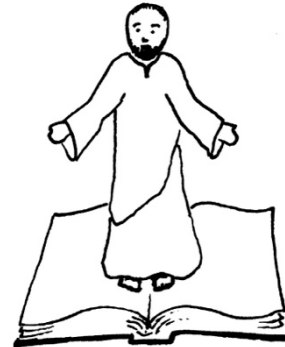
Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 17: 22-31

Please sit.



Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’ For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn CH4 773

Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
Jesus, we are here,
We are here for you.

Original Shona text:

Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
Jesu, tawa pano;
Tawa pano, mu zita renyu.

Patrick Matsikenyrir (b. 1937)

The Gospel Acclamation

We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession.

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading, we sing the words in bold print

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

A minister says

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, alleluia.

During these words, some people make the sign of the cross with their thumbs on their heads, mouth and chest. This reminds us that the words in the gospel should be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon Revd Matt Guilder, Curate of St Thomas Lancaster.

Please sit.

The Creed *Please stand.*

We believe in God the Father;
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit for the intercessions. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pray for....

- *Someone you love*
- *Someone you can see in church*
- *Someone you saw on the way to church*
- *Someone on the other side of the world*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *The president introduces the Peace*

'Where two or three are gathered together in
my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the
midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

And all may exchange a sign of peace.



Offertory Hymn LP31

As we sing the hymn, a collection is taken and the bread and wine are placed on the altar.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorry
till we've seen this journey through

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard b. 1953

What is happening on the altar during this hymn? Can you see all of the things that we are offering to God with thanks?

Look out for the person with smoke (this represents our prayers rising to God). Listen out for the bell ringing too!

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says or sings

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president gives thanks for God's mighty acts.

What is happening at the altar?

What does the priest do with their hands whilst they are praying?

Look out for the plate and the cup.

What happens to the bread?

We sing:

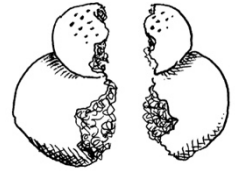
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



A minister says Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting
us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for
ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in
whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Silence is kept.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Agnus Dei

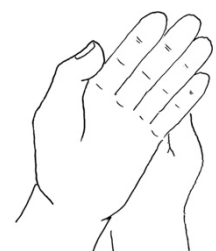
We sing

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Please sit. The priest and people receive communion. We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you. Gluten-free hosts are available, please indicate this to the president, green cards are available from the sidespeople for this purpose.



Communion Anthem

For the beauty of the earth John Rutter

Communion Hymn LP37

We remain seated to sing.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word,
that proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Blessing *Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Whilst we wait quietly for everyone to receive communion or a blessing, have another look around. Look at the stained glass windows.

Can you see any animal pictures in the windows?

What else can you see?

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you
seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened
up to you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Hymn NEH 375 *We turn to face the procession.*

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem
I had my birth:

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fisherman,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the dance went on:

3. I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high,
and they left me there
on a cross to die:

4. I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance
and I still go on:

5. They cut me down
and I leap up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he:

Sydney Carter b: 1915



The Sending Out *A minister says*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary Fantasia on 'Noel Nouvelet' by Warren

Please leave quietly during the voluntary as our organists are offering their music as worship and many want to listen and pray through it.